

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2203, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-198) on the resolution (H. Res. 194) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 196) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 196

Resolved, That the following Members be, and they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Mr. Redmond.

Committee on National Security: Mr. Redmond.

Committee on Small Business: Mr. Pitts.
Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Redmond.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

URGING MEMBERS TO VOTE AGAINST THE RULE ON THE AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise as the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations, which means I am the lead Democrat, and to protest the action of the Committee on Rules last night in putting a tourniquet on the debate that was to have occurred on our bill.

Yesterday we had that bill on the floor, and generally it comes to the floor under an open rule. I might remind the membership that agriculture is America's most important industry. It provides our most positive balance-of-trade figures, and is an exceedingly important bill to our farmers, our food processors, our people involved in the fiber industry, the forestry industry, the fuel industry. This is not an unimportant bill.

Yet, because of anger for other reasons, for other reasons, because Mem-

bers like the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI], the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. YATES], and myself, the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR], as ranking members of our respective committees were summarily blocked in prior weeks from bringing our amendments to the floor on other bills, we are now being punished by putting a tourniquet on the debate on the agriculture bill today.

As ranking members, we have not only been blocked from offering the amendments, but our amendments have then been given to Members of the other party. This is outrageous. In past years, I can assure you agriculture appropriations bills moved to the floor with bipartisan support. They were not the victim of "gag" rules. They were not used to send messages to the minority that they better behave or be punished.

So now, our agriculture bill is being forced to be debated under such limited time, that key provisions will be given short shrift, not even allowing time to explain their full meaning to the Members.

For example, on the important subject of youth tobacco prevention, the time allowed for debate is 10 minutes—to be divided 5 minutes on each side. On important commodity programs on which our families' livelihood depend—sugar, peanuts, tobacco—debate will be limited to 15 minutes per side. This is ludicrous.

Further, the rule retroactively denies many Members the ability to offer their amendments—for example, Representative FURSE of Oregon on Animal Damage Control; Representative WYNN of Maryland on Civil Rights Enforcement; Representative HALL of Ohio on food assistance to Korea; and Representative MEEHAN of Massachusetts is allotted 5 minutes only to discuss the important Youth Tobacco Prevention initiative.

This is not the way to legislate.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the rule. It truly is unfair.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. STARK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of a family medical emergency.

Mr. BARTON of Texas (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on July 24, on account of attending a funeral.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TIERNEY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. MALONEY of New York.

Ms. ESHOO.

Mr. PRICE.

Mr. RAHALL.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.

Mr. REYES.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. OBEY.

Mr. FATTAH.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. STRICKLAND.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WALSH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SHAW.

Mr. BASS.

Mr. PITTS.

Mr. FAWELL.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. LIVINGSTON.

Mr. HOUGHTON.

Mr. BOB SCHAFER of Colorado.

Mrs. KELLY.

Mr. LEWIS of California.

Mr. DREIER.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 24, 1997, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4321. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Iowa [Docket No. 97-036-1] received July 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4322. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Brazil, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4323. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revised Requirements for Designation of Reference and Equivalent Methods for PM 2.5 and Ambient Air Quality Surveillance for Particulate Matter [AD-FRL-5725-6] (RIN: 2060-AE66) received July 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4324. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter [AD-FRL-5725-2] (RIN: 2060-AE66) received July 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4325. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone [ADA-95-58; FRL-5725-3] (RIN: 2060-AE57) received July 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4326. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Corporations [Revenue Ruling 97-31, I.R.B. 1997-32, dated August 11, 1997] received July 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 194. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-198). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Ms. FURSE, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BROWN of California, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 2222. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to Federal facilities pollution control; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HAYWORTH:

H.R. 2223. A bill to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize transfers of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ACKERMAN:

H.R. 2224. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a service-connected disability and to certain dependents of such veterans; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. GIBBONS):

H.R. 2225. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bridger Avenue and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, NV, as the "Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FAWELL (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. GOODLING):

H.R. 2226. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify treatment of investment managers under such title; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LAZIO of New York:

H.R. 2227. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reauthorize the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. FORD, Mr. STARK, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA):

H.R. 2228. A bill to increase the number of qualified teachers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 2229. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act with respect to penalties for powder cocaine and crack cocaine offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PITTS:

H.R. 2230. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish a point of order that precludes raising revenues to enforce the bipartisan budget agreement if there is a revenue shortfall in any of fiscal years 1998 through 2002; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. PRYCE of Ohio (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 2231. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a sound budgetary mechanism for financing health and death benefits of retired coal miners while ensuring the long-term fiscal health and solvency of such benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROYCE:

H.R. 2232. A bill to provide for increased international broadcasting activities to China; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. SAXTON (for himself and Mr. ABERCROMBIE):

H.R. 2233. A bill to assist in the conservation of coral reefs; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ):

H.R. 2234. A bill to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to eliminate confusion about consumer liability for unauthorized transactions involving debit cards that can be used like credit cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. VENTO, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. ORTIZ, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. HINCHEY):

H. Con. Res. 119. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Nation's coalfields should continue to be enhanced by the implementation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 by State and Federal regulatory authorities, and that Congress hereby reaffirms the goals of the Act on its 20th anniversary, August 3, 1997; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. BERUTER, Mr. PORTER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. LEACH):

H. Res. 195. Resolution concerning the crisis in Cambodia; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington:

H. Res. 196. Resolution designating majority membership to certain standing committees of the House. Considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 7: Mr. DICKEY and Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 45: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 125: Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 176: Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. HORN, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 192: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 230: Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 339: Mr. GIBBONS.

H.R. 372: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. FATTAH.

H.R. 450: Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.

H.R. 551: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 631: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania and Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 687: Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. STRICKLAND, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 696: Mr. RUSH and Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 774: Mrs. LOWEY and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 777: Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. GORDON, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 857: Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. KIM.

H.R. 859: Mr. PAUL.

H.R. 875: Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ.

H.R. 916: Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SABO, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 967: Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. SHADEGG.

H.R. 977: Mr. BOEHLERT.

H.R. 992: Mr. SOLOMON.

H.R. 1054: Mr. KIM, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 1126: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1232: Mr. ROHRABACHER and Mr. POSHARD.

H.R. 1285: Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 1296: Mr. EHLERS.

H.R. 1350: Mrs. EMERSON and Mr. CAMPBELL.

H.R. 1398: Mr. HOEKSTRA.

H.R. 1427: Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. COYNE, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 1440: Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 1493: Mr. HUNTER and Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 1507: Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, and Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 1541: Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 1542: Mr. SISISKY and Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H.R. 1544: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. STARK, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 1578: Mrs. MORELLA.

H.R. 1579: Mrs. MORELLA.

H.R. 1619: Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 1679: Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 1680: Mr. FROST, Mr. SNYDER, and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 1719: Mr. CHRISTENSEN.

H.R. 1814: Mrs. LOWEY and Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 1839: Mr. COX of California, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WISE, and Mr. WHITFIELD.

H.R. 1903: Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania and Mr. LAMPSON.

H.R. 1970: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1984: Mr. BAESLER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. RYUN, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. BUYER, Mr. PITTS, Mr. STUMP, Mr. GOODE, Mr. TURNER, and Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 1993: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 2003: Mr. ROEMER.